

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrical outlet comprising an outlet box and a plug receptacle with electrical contacts therein that are connected to a utility's electric main, said electrical outlet comprising a back-up power supply that is within or adjacent to the outlet box and electrically connected to the electrical contacts in the plug receptacle of the electrical outlet to supply current to the electrical contacts in the plug receptacle of the electrical outlet when electrical power to the electrical outlet from ~~an~~ the electric main is interrupted.
2. (Previously Presented) The electrical outlet of Claim 1 wherein the outlet box is housed in a recess behind a wall, and said back-up power supply is also located in said recess.
3. (Original) The electrical outlet of Claim 2 wherein the back-up power supply comprises a battery.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The electrical outlet of Claim 1 wherein said back-up power supply is located within said outlet box.
6. (New) The electrical outlet of Claim 1 wherein said back-up power supply is joined to said outlet box.
7. (New) The electrical outlet of Claim 1 wherein said back-up power supply is an integral component of said electrical outlet.
8. (New) The electrical outlet of Claim 3 wherein said battery is rechargeable.
9. (New) The electrical outlet of Claim 8 wherein said rechargeable battery is selected from the group consisting of: nickel-cadmium, nickel-metal hydride, and lithium ion batteries.

10. (New) An electrical outlet comprising an outlet box mounted in or on a wall, and a plug receptacle with electrical contacts therein that are connected to a utility's electric main, said plug receptacle receiving a plug at the end of a cord from an electrical appliance, said electrical outlet comprising a back-up power supply that is within or adjacent to the outlet box and electrically connected to the electrical contacts in the plug receptacle of the electrical outlet to supply current to the electrical contacts in the plug receptacle of the electrical outlet when electrical power to the electrical outlet from the electric main is interrupted.